

Mennonite Immigrants.

The constant arrival of Mennonites on our shores, and their departure to the Province of Manitoba, makes a sketch of their character and manners both interesting and profitable.

These Mennonites are a sect of German Baptists, whose forefathers lived for upwards of one hundred years in the Crimea. They take objection to the conduct of Russia in trying to make them Greek Catholics, and liable to military service, and although the law ordaining this does not come into operation for four years, yet this people, with their usual foresight and prudence, are avoiding violence and perhaps bloodshed by leaving the country in the meantime.

As may be judged from the foregoing statement, their religion is very strict. They do not smoke; and if any one drinks too much, he is publicly reproved in the religious meeting. The idea of divorce is obnoxious to them; and if a man and wife separate, neither is ever allowed to remarry.

Wedding-rings are not worn, being considered too worldly; and in this category also come ribbons, earrings, and brooches. The dress of the women consists of a blue calico gown, with a blue handkerchief thrown over the head, while the men are dressed like ordinary German peasants. The children are numerous, some families numbering eight or ten, while the number of very old persons is large.

These immigrants come well provided financially. It is reported that one of a party which arrived in New York recently had a draft for \$26,000 gold; while many others had letters of credit for from \$1,000 to \$2,000. A calculation would give about \$300 on an average to each immigrant. The reason of this great wealth is that they teach their children industry and frugality as a religious duty, and laziness and thriftlessness are, among them, vices to be particularly avoided. They are not what the Yankees call "intelligent," neither are they "cute," but they are extremely honest, eminent active in caring for their own interests, without detriment to those of their neighbors, and so industrious that they will not only enrich themselves, but as they increase in numbers and wealth they will confer incalculable blessings upon the whole country.

Among the Acts passed during the late session of the Manitoba Legislature were acts providing for—Redistribution of seats in the Legislature. Preparation of new Voters' Lists. Providing for a proper system of Audit of Public Accounts. Abolishing Dual Representation. Formation of Counties. Remodeling of the Court of Queen's Bench. Public printing by tender.

The bill providing for the abolition of the Legislative Council was unanimously carried by the Assembly, but defeated in the Upper House by a majority of one vote; but it will be re-introduced next session.

It is the intention of the Postmaster General that hereafter security for the faithful discharge of the duties of their offices will be exacted from all Post Office employees holding positions of trust.

A Conservative's Opinion of the Premier.

The following extract is from a long article in the Quebec Chronicle, suggested by Mr. Mackenzie's recent visit to that city:—"We have not been accustomed to read Mr. Mackenzie's general course in politics, nor do we intend now to discuss his action as a public man. But in the Premier, as a man, there are valuable qualities, worthy of examination and emulation of the youth of Canada. His life has been a busy, active one. For many years he has been before the public, often in the most unfavorable light, but always commanding respect from his unswerving rectitude, his truthfulness, and his indomitable energy. He knows no fatigue, submits to no depression, whatever may be his objective point, his intention to reach it is not to be interfered with by obstacles which daunt ordinary men. However extreme may be his opinions, it cannot be said of him that he ever has been inspired by motives other than those of duty and the conscientiousness of the requirements of the public and the best interests of the country. And in face of the most tremendous opposition he has carried his points, and to day he finds himself the ruler of Canada, and the admired and trusted leader of the great majority of the population of the Dominion. This wonderful success has been achieved at a comparatively early age by the Premier, for he counts as yet but fifty-two years. What has been the secret? may well be asked. We might answer: the combination of honest principle, integrity, perseverance, and earnest application of natural gifts, but perhaps above the ordinary run, but schooled and framed into excellence."

STATIONS on the T. G. & P. Railway have been located at Guelph, Wrenzier, Lisidell, and T. Switzer, and the work along the line

The Beecher-Tilton Scandal.

TILTON'S APPEARANCE IN COURT.

New York, July 29th.—Tilton appeared in the court room of the Third District Court, Brooklyn, which was crowded with spectators, shortly after ten o'clock this morning. As there were a number of small cases occupying the attention of the Court, Mr. Tilton was taken into Justice Reilly's private sanctum, where he awaited the calling of his case. Mr. Gaynor was present at an early hour and was the cynosure of all eyes. He was attended by a few gentlemen friends who held long conversations with him in whispered tones. About 11.30, Justice Reilly called Mr. Gaynor, requesting him to step into the room where Tilton was, and it was thought the examination would be concluded in the private room. Tilton objected to having the examination private, and demanded a public hearing, which was ultimately assented to. Tilton's counsel was ex-Judge Morris, who, having learned from Mr. Gaynor that the latter took the case entirely on his own responsibility, and on behalf of Beecher, argued that this case should not have been called to safety the cravings of public scandal. He suggested an adjournment till Monday. Mr. Gaynor defended himself, and argued that the defendant had violated one of the laws of the State, and that it was his duty as a citizen to bring him into Court to answer for it. He thought he had a public right to bring Mr. Tilton here for preliminary examination, or if defendant chose, he could bring his case before the Grand Jury. Justice Reilly, with the consent of both parties, adjourned the hearing of the case until next Monday.

The Brooklyn Argus publishes the rest of Mr. Carpenter's story of the difficulty between Beecher and Tilton. Carpenter is willing to swear that his first absolute conviction that there had been adultery between Beecher and Mrs. Tilton was derived from a statement of Oliver Johnson to that effect. He says:—"I can prove that Oliver Johnson used these words: 'My lips are sealed by a solemn promise, but if I should disclose what I know the roof of Plymouth Church would come right off.' Another time Mr. Johnson said to me 'I know a great deal more about this case than you do, and what you know is bad enough.'"

Carpenter also says:—"Mrs. Tilton, in my presence, was asked by Mr. Tilton to put in writing something in reference to her relation with Mr. Beecher, and she could show to Dr. Storrs. This was in December, 1872, or January, 1873. Mrs. Tilton assented willingly, and going to her room, returned in a few moments with a manuscript on which was written, as near as I can remember, these words: 'On a certain occasion Mr. Beecher solicited me to become a wife to him, with all that is implied in this relation. This proposition I communicated to my husband.' Mr. Tilton took that writing to Rev. Dr. Storrs, and said, I came to you for advice in regard to the proper action to be taken by myself in reference to the statement made in the Woodhull letter. Dr. Storrs replied 'I have not read the statement made by Mrs. Woodhull, but if you think it is of sufficient importance to merit attention, I will do so.' Dr. Storrs read the Woodhull story, and a few days later, when Mr. Tilton visited him, said: 'Mr. Tilton, I have read this paper carefully, and if the statements are true, I draw from them four conclusions. Mr. Tilton asked what the conclusions were. Dr. Storrs then said: '1st. That Mr. Beecher and Mrs. Tilton had criminal relations. 2nd. That you committed adultery. 3rd. That Mr. Beecher received a paper from Mrs. Tilton denying that such relations had ever existed. 4th. That Mr. Moulton got that paper from Mr. Beecher.' Mr. Tilton said: 'Dr. Storrs—What if those points can't be denied?' Dr. Storrs replied: 'If those points cannot be denied, I have no advice to give; an evasion would be worse than silence.'"

The Brooklyn Eagle says it is authorized to announce that Beecher has very recently written a letter to Frank Moulton, in which he earnestly asks and advises Moulton to go before the Committee, exhibit all he has, and tell all he knows with reference to the controversy between Theodore Tilton and Henry Ward Beecher. The letter is declared to be long, explicit, unmistakable, and to the effect that Beecher has no wish and Moulton no alternative but for the latter to go before the Committee fully and frankly to say all he can forthwith.

General Tracy said to-day the Committee hoped to end the whole thing this week. Mr. Moulton and Mr. Beecher, and one or two minor witnesses, were all.

BLACKWOOD'S MAGAZINE for July, the first number of a new volume, is now before us. The most noticeable articles among its contents are: "Family Jewels," "Two Cities—Two Books," and "Brackenbury's Narrative of the Ashanti War." The first is a collection of gems of verse which have a family likeness; examples of one subject variously treated by poets of different ages. In the second we have a picture of Florence, in connection with George Eliot's "Romola," and Venice, with which is associated in like manner George Sand's "Consuelo." The third of these articles is a review of an "authentic memoir of that extraordinary war which England made on the Gold Coast last winter." The book tells of the "ancient history of the region," the troubles of the governors and traders of old, "the Ashanti invasion which led to this last war, and the steps taken to meet it;" its results, and the prospects of the settlements. The serials, "Alice Lorraine" and "Valentine and his Brother," are continued. In "Quid sit Orandum," a short poem of three or four pages, are presented in a concise form with the principal arguments in favor of the efficacy of prayer.

MARRIED.

CURRIE-WALKER—On the 29th inst., at the residence of the bride's father, John Walker, Esq., St. Thomas, by the Rev. John MacMillan, brother-in-law to the bride, the Rev. Hugh Currie, C. P. Church, to Miss Mary Walker, late Proceptrix of Ladies' College, Ottawa.

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VALUABLE FARM FOR SALE.—The farm occupied by the late James Forster, being the southeast half of lot No. 7, in the 3rd concession of Eramosa, 100 acres, 60 cleared, the remainder good hard wood, chiefly beech and maple. There is a nursery of choice fruit trees ready for transplanting, and a never-failing spring well. The buildings consist of a frame house, a large frame barn, shed and stabling, with other useful buildings. This property is situated two miles from the village of Rockwood, and six miles from Guelph. For further particulars apply on the premises, or by letter to Rockwood P. O. MRS. JAMES FORSTER.

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